

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to supplemental amendment filed on September 19, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 143, 182-194, 196-200, 213-255, 262-266, 269, 270, 273-281, 292-304, 359-379, 389, 401, 404-452, 458-471, 475-479 and 481-521.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 4/13/07 & 6/1/07
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 143,182-194,196-200,213-255,262-270,273-281,292-304,359-379,389,401,404-452,458-471,475-479 and 481-521 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The amendment filed on September 19, 2007 includes new claims that includes the allowable subject matter as recited in office actions dated March 23, 2004, August 9, 2005, and March 2, 2006. Also the amendment added the limitation of "tack free" and "adhesive free" in claims 227, 359, 406, 409, 412, 436, 441, 452, 458, 461, 469, 519, 520, and 521 and the support for these claims can be found in figure 5 and the Specification, Page 9, line 19 to Page 10, line 5, where the sheet construction (224) includes a facestock sheet (212) secured to a LDPE layer (204) of the dry release base material or liner sheet (208) with PSA layer (216) and the facestock construction delaminates at the LDPE-liner interface, which allow the LDPE layer (204) to remain with the facestock sheet (212) and the PSA layer (216) and thereby sandwiching the adhesive between the facestock sheet (212) and the LDPE layer (204) and therefore provide an "tack-free" or "PSA free" printable media or business card. Furthermore, the Specification, Page 4, lines 16-25 discloses the dry laminate are formed with the teaching of references to Kamendat et al (U.S. 3,769,147), which teaches a method forming a temporary support web material by bonding a paper stock to a heat soften bonding on a temporary support and easy strip the stock from the support without damaging or leaving residual on the stock. (See Kamendat et al, Col 2, lines 18-42)

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sing P. Chan whose telephone number is 571-272-1225. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30AM-11:00AM and 12:00PM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Philip C. Tucker can be reached on 571-272-1095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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